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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 2, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect claim group II (Claims 16 – 20), for examination on merits, with traverse.

Applicants acknowledge the assertion of the examiner that "[i]nventions I and II are related as product and process of use," and reserves their right to have the process claims of group I (Claims 1 – 15) entered by rejoinder when a product claim from claim group II (Claims 16 – 20) is allowed, in accordance with the provisions described in *MPEP* §821.04.